







## CHAMPIONS IN CARROMS

VIGNEAUX AND SEXTON PLAY AT BALK-LINE BILLIARDS.

The French Expert Defeats the Yankee in the New Game After a Hard Struggle. Sexton Wins at Straight Billiards by Very Brilliant Strokes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The ghosts of Maurice Daly in his assembly billiard rooms on Washington street, Brooklyn, found him a strong opponent in the French expert, and the two games of billiards were equal, which have never been seen. Invitations had been given to some two hundred persons of note in social, political and billiard circles and every invitation was accepted. It was a representative gathering. Vignaux, the French billiard expert, and the greeting was warm indeed. Among the well known persons present were Hugh McLaughlin, George Purdy, Congressman Felt, C. C. Smith, Senator Eaton, Comptroller Louis and Evans, Fire Marshal Thorne, George Lansing, Coroner Moenning, Assemblyman Earle, Denny Shantz, Billy Sexton, Maurice Daly, Jerry Dwyer, C. C. Smith, George Bassett, English, McLaughlin, F. Froeschner, Billy Collyer, Sam Knight, the originator of the pyramid pool rules; John Manning, the "kid" pool player; Judge Blaikie, the famous billiard referee; in the late links tourney; Alvin Miller, Professor J. Randolph Heiser, smiling but critical; Charlie Manning, Joe Emerich, the partner of Jake Schaefer, and Mort Humphreys.

Vignaux arrived in the city on Saturday, and was spotted in full evening dress to play Sexton a game of straight billiards of 150 points. The French champion had an advantage until the last inning, when he had 145 points and Sexton needed 10 points to win the game. He secured them. After a few shots for position he got the ivy spheres on the natural rail and then kept Marker Enrich busy calling the points. Vignaux, who had not yet really learned more of the game, he will be a very poor third to Schaefer and Slosson at the Chicago tourney next month. But he showed surprising ability as a professional player, far surpassing Sexton, whose game is any other than ball-hunting. Still "the Comanche" pressed his opponent from first to last and led at times. He had several opportunities to win but overreached them. For that game Mr. Emerich was referee and Mr. Miller was scorer. Sexton led with ten well-played caromos and Vignaux followed 27 carefully-made shots. In the third inning Sexton gained the lead and held it to the end and in the out of balls until 23 had been added to his string. In the fifth Vignaux secured 47 by careful play and masterly position strokes. In the last inning Sexton needed 29 to go and won but 23. Then Vignaux had 10 minutes and scored them. The following is the score by innings: Sexton—10, 1, 32, 15, 5, 30, 20, 4, 0, 22, 1, 18, 14, 0, 0, 8, 23—14. Highest run, 22. Average, 10.75. Vignaux—13, 0, 47, 0, 11, 29, 1, 1, 21, 1, 9, 0, 2, 2, 16, 200. Highest run, 47. Average, 11.19. Referee, Joseph Emrick. Scorer, J. Randolph Heiser.

BRIEF MENTION.

The News Condensed for the Hasty Reader's Perusal.

Jacob Rhina, an aged German citizen, was killed at Mission, O., in the endeavor to extricate himself from the fallen earth of a trench.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. McElroy, of Chicago, are spending a novel honeymoon on board a yacht, their tour to extend to the West Indies.

The committee of one hundred at Cincinnati adopted a constitution and by-laws and took the preliminary steps toward permanent organization.

Tommy Moyers, aged twelve, shot and partially disabled Louis Keller, aged eleven years, by tying with a loaded revolver at Cincinnati.

New York stocks declined upon sensational reports; Baltimore & Ohio was the chief offender, demanding its share of through New York business.

The gross land sales of the Union Pacific Railway company for September were 48,333 acres, a decrease from the sales of the same month last year of 1,304,064 acres.

Charles Gundersen, of the Ohio Railroad, was arrested at Petersburg, W. Va., for robbing the passenger depot of that road of a large sum of money.

Charley Manner, of Sabina, O., has entered suit for \$20,000 damages against Mr. Frank Johnson, of Hamilton, O., for that case for alleged injurious of character.

In the official count of Hamilton county, Ohio, the entire Democratic ticket was counted in, but the county clerk was ejected from issuing certificates to the state senators.

M. G. and William H. Barker, brothers, were sentenced for the murder of Harvey Keith at Bloomingdale, Mich., the former to state prison for life and the latter for twenty-five years.

At the trial of the subscribers of the first started by Gao Jones of the New York Times, and invested by ex-Governor E. D. Morgan for Gen. Grant, Judge Davis offered a resolution which was adopted unanimously, that the same should be sent to the United States Trust company and the interest should be paid to Mrs. Grant during her life, then to the children of Gen. Grant, and after their deaths to be distributed among the charitable objects per capita. Judge Davis and Henry Day were appointed a committee to draft the legal document.

Indian troops are being rapidly got in ready for an invasion of Persia and that government is at present preparing for resistance. Rev. James Frazer, bishop of Manchester, is dead. Emperor Charlotte, concerning whose release from prison was felt, has died. The relapses Austria and Russia are said to have agreed to the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumania. Prince Alexander is to be deposed and Servia is to be given a portion of territory. It is expected that the ports will agree to this. Nothing is said as to the attitude of England and Germany.

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